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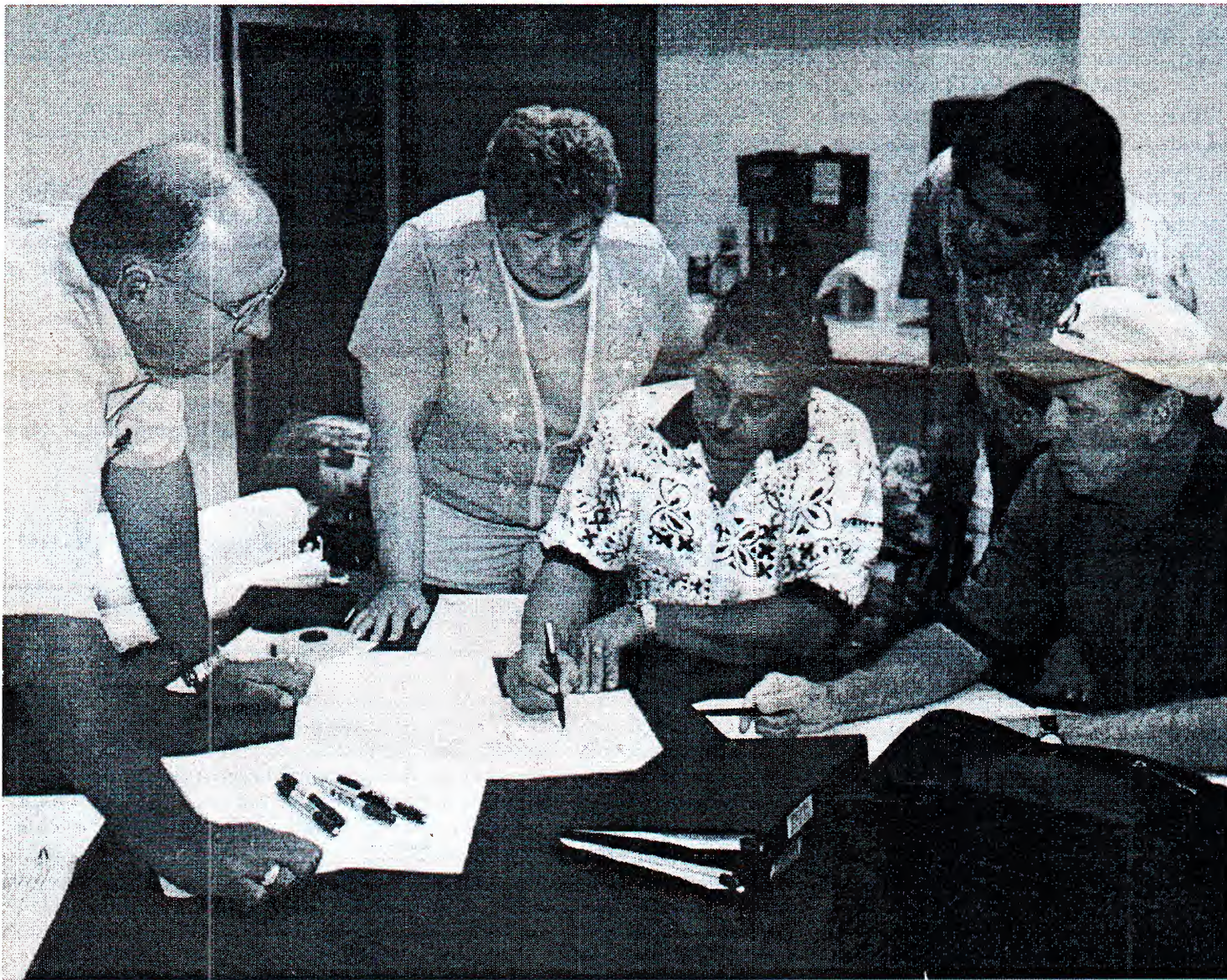
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Health clinic expansion drawing near



By MICHAEL DODSON

Before fall 1999 has begun, Citizen Potawatomi Nation members, other Native Americans in the Nation's jurisdiction, and tribal employees and their spouses should be enjoying the fruits of a major Potawatomi Clinic expansion.

Final touches are being added to architectural plans for a project that will increase the clinic size from approximately 8,000 square feet to about 23,000 — a 188% increase.

According to Joyce Abel, clinic director, the current facility's capacity and capabilities are stretched to the max.

The expansion will allow the Nation to hire two more care providers — medical doctors. The clinic now has two on staff, Dr. Steve Cobb and Elizabeth Bartos-Meyers, a nurse practitioner who has admitting privileges at Mission Hill Hospital.

Abel says that this will allow the clinic to continue to see more patients while also drastically reducing or eliminating the waiting time for an appointment.

Architects Burke Wyatt of Phoenix, Arizona, a tribal member (see accompanying profile) and Michael Holleyman of Oklahoma City, a member of the Muscogee Nation, are preparing the plans for the expansion.

In an interview on Friday, October 2, Holleyman said that architectural plans should be ready for consideration by the Citizen Potawatomi Business Committee shortly after the middle of October.

The project features retention and remodeling of the existing facility. Wings which are laid out in an east-west orientation will be added to the north and south sides of the current building.

"Most of the areas in the existing building will be usable without much change," said Holleyman. "The large conference

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Pictured looking over plans for the health clinic expansion are, from left, Terry Rice, Joyce Abel, Michael Holleyman, Matthew Burnett and Burke Wyatt. Construction on the project is expected to begin soon, and will almost double the amount of space available to patients.

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Walking on ...

CHARLES W. DEAN

Charles W. "Tony" Dean, 84, Silver Lake, died Saturday, August 1, 1998, at his home.

He was born December 3, 1913, in Rossville, the son of Joseph and Alma Mitchell Dean, and had lived in the Rossville and Silver Lake communities all of his life.

He was graduated from Rossville High School. Prior to World War II, he worked for the Santa Fe Railroad. He served in the United States Navy during World War II. Mr. Dean was a rural letter carrier out of the Silver Lake Post Office for 41 years before he retired. He was a member of Lake Lodge #50, AF&AM, of Silver Lake; Goodyear Post #2187, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Silver Lake American Legion Post #160; and the National Rural Letter Carriers' Association. He was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

On August 3, 1940, he was married to Dorothy "Maxine" Olson, who died February 8, 1970. He married Margaret I. Oleson December 27, 1975, at Meriden. She survives.

Mr. Dean was preceded in death by an infant son, his parents, three brothers and four sisters.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by one son, Larry Dean, Silver Lake; one daughter, Carla Smith, Longford; three

stepdaughters, Sandra Williams, Hampton, Va.; Joyce Hilger, Ozawie; and Nancy Oleson, Topeka; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and numerous stepgrandchildren.

Services were held Aug. 4 at the funeral home. Lake Lodge #50, AF&AM, conducted a Masonic graveside service in the Rossville cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Midland Hospice Care, 200 SW Frazier Circle, Topeka 66606-2800; or to the American Cancer Society, 1315 SW Arrowhead Road, Topeka 66604.

KERMIT LEO PATTON

Kermit Leo Patton, 87, Topeka, died Monday, April 20, 1998, at a Topeka nursing home.

Mr. Patton worked more than 41 years for Santa Fe Railway.

He was born September 8, 1910, in Rossville, to Walter Edward and Ida Lorraine Marney Patton and attended school in Rossville. He attended St. Stanislaus Catholic Church south of Rossville.

He was married to Mary Martha Loveland. She died December 6, 1966. He was married to Nora Bell Hainline. She died June 26, 1975.

Survivors include a son, Nolan Patton, Topeka; a daughter, Joan L. Garrison, Naples, Florida; sisters, Juanita Foresman and Nora Dell Foresman, both in St. Marys, Hope Meade, Rossville, and Eileen St. Louis, Topeka; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral Mass was at Davidson Funeral Home. Burial was in Delia Cemetery at Delia. Memorial contributions may be made to the National High School Rodeo Association and sent in care of the funeral home.

ANNABELL DIKE NELSON

Annabell Dike Nelson, 76, of Nampa, Idaho, passed away Monday, Sept. 14, 1998, at a Nampa hospital of complications from an ongoing heart condition. Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Sept. 18 at the 11th Ave. LDS Chapel with Bishop Roger Hunt officiating. Burial followed at Kohlerlawn Cemetery, Nampa.

Mrs. Nelson was born January 2, 1922, in Belvue, Kansas to Joseph and Laura Dike, the youngest of eight children. She moved to Nampa with her family when she was six months old. She married Oscar E. Nelson in Nampa in 1938 and their marriage was later solemnized in 1939 in the Salt Lake City Temple. She was a lifelong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Mrs. Nelson was an avid vegetable gar-

dener and enjoyed preserving fruits and vegetables from her garden. She also worked in the Boise temple for a number of years until ill health forced her to finish.

She is survived by 2 children, Roger Nelson and wife Carolyn (Dowdle) of Boise, and Marie Ann (Nelson) Mauldin and husband Denzil of Waverly, Tennessee; 3 grandchildren: Shawn Denzil Mauldin of Alexandria, Virginia, Emily Ann Marie (Mauldin) Hill and husband Brett of Mountain Village, Alaska, and Shania Li NiBeiBei Mauldin of Waverly, Tennessee; and 1 great-grandchild, Cameron Shane Mauldin of Alexandria, Virginia.

She was preceded in death by her husband Oscar in 1991; an infant daughter; a granddaughter, Heidi Nelson; brothers Jess Dike of Sacramento, California, Joseph E. Dike of Boise, Thomas R. Dike, Dean Howard Dike, both of Nampa; sisters Edith M. Dike Rosenlof, Margaret Dike and Pearl Dike, all of Nampa.

D.L. HOLLINGSWORTH

D.L. Hollingsworth, 79, Tecumseh, Oklahoma, died Monday, September 28, 1998, in Oklahoma City. He was born

January 1, 1919, in Tecumseh to Claude James and Rena Evett (Nadeau) Hollingsworth. He attended school at Harjo and married Eva Evans on November 25, 1942, in Oklahoma City.

He served with the U.S. Army 381st Field Artillery Battalion 102nd Division, in Europe during World War II. He returned to Tecumseh in 1944, then moved to California in 1954, where he worked for the Laborers Union in Long Beach. He moved back to Tecumseh in 1980. He was a member of St. Benedict Catholic Church, VFW Post 131 Shawnee and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, James Hollingsworth; and sister Hazel O'Bannon.

He is survived by his wife, of the home; stepson Jack Petrie, El Paso, Texas; brothers Glenn Hollingsworth, Seminole, and Tony Hollingsworth, Tecumseh; and sisters Laura Lincoln and Sarah Belcher, both of Tecumseh; Dilla Foreman, Claremore, and Mary Cole, Ono, California.

Services were held Sept. 30 at Cooper Funeral Chapel, with the Rev. Charles Massoth, O.S.B., officiating. Burial was in Tecumseh Cemetery.



A Message From The Chaplain

Norman Kiker

Ahau Nishnabe'yeg

It is now October 7. The storms have once again passed through Oklahoma. Tornadoes and their winds have skipped across the countryside; they have left a great deal of devastation in their wake. The natural order of creation is still beyond our control even though mankind can do wonders through scientific research.

To a certain extent, control over the weather would be a blessing. Would mankind responsibly serve the obvious will of the Creator for the billions of us who live on this Island in this universe?

Complete control over the weather or other forces is either sent from heaven itself or could appear to be sent from quite a different place. This is dependent upon mankind. The view is rather dim if we see the record of any Nation, any Power.

Mankind has proven one thing (and I believe it to be true): that men accept help from the Creator when it is desperately needed due to the very thing we desired so much — and that is control.

It is time that we all begin to strive to help each other just as we try to help those hurt in the stormy weather or when a void is left as a fanatic destroys innocent lives to prove some point. The main ingredient that is overlooked on many occasions is the real power of our faith.

I have mentioned the weather, and the destruction of the storms, man's desperate struggle for power, and mankind's failure to keep good motives and live up to responsibilities toward our fellow men, women, and children. There is a great deal to learn from nature, and we must observe it with proper respect.

Likewise the nature of people is interesting and not one of us is perfect. Yet, out of all that has been mentioned, there is only one thing that can individually make us better. That is our faith in God.

If you choose to undertake something in the near future, take along the one thing that makes all good things possible, depend on God. Without the Creator, you are alone even if you're in a crowded room.

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Taking The Oath



Justices G. William Rice and Lawrence Wahpepah, Judges Phil Lujan and Greg Bigler enjoy a light moment following the ceremony.

Judicial, tribal officials sworn in

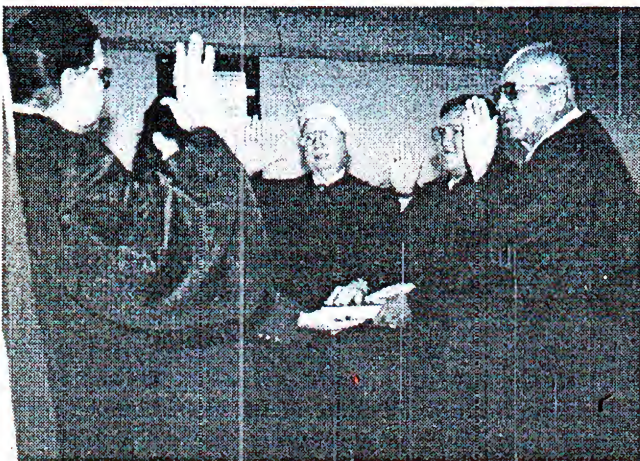
A major component of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation safeguarding its sovereignty is its smoothly functioning court system. The system features a District Court, which hears criminal cases and civil disputes, and a Supreme Court, which hears and rules on appeals of decisions rendered in the District Court.

This exercise of the sovereign power of a government is important because the U.S. Federal courts tend to rule to limit sovereignty in cases in which a Native American nation refuses to or neglects exercising its rights.

Recently, the Nation installed its Supreme Court Justices and District Court judges for new terms. The justices are: G. William Rice, Chief Justice; Almon Henson; Truman Carter; Rex Thompson; and, Lawrence Wahpepah. The newest justice, Robert Coffey, was unable to attend the swearing-in ceremony.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation District Court judges are: Phil Lujan, Presiding Judge; Greg Bigler; and Stephen Lamirand, who was unable to attend.

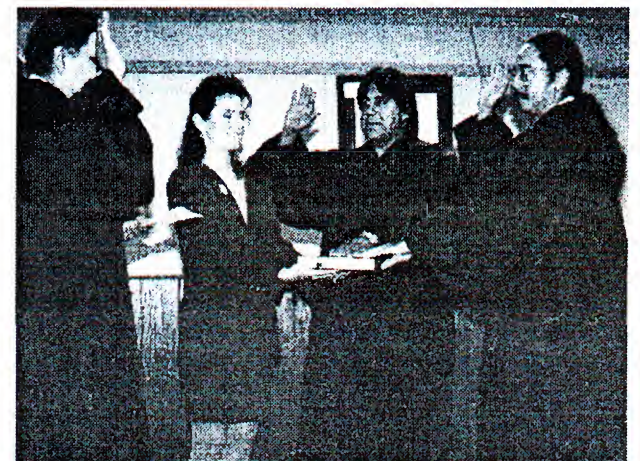
Chief Justice Rice also installed Tribal Treasurer Gene Bruno and Grievance Committee member Teresa Vieux. Because she could not attend the installation ceremony, Judge Almon Henson swore in Vice Chairman Linda Capps earlier in the day at Gordon Cooper Technology Center, where she is Assistant Director of Adult Programs.



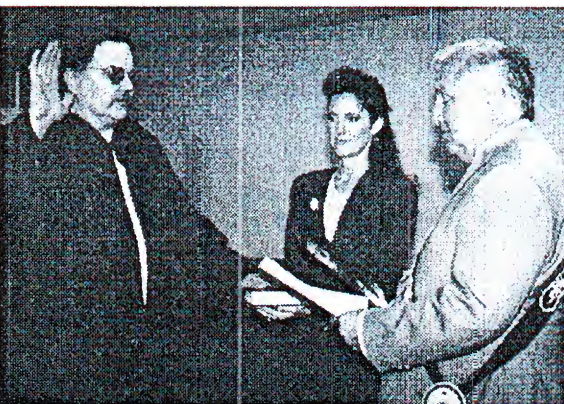
Justice Rice swears in Supreme Court Justices Almon Henson, Truman Carter, Lawrence Wahpepah



Supreme Court Justice Rex Thompson, Left, takes oath from Justice Rice, assisted by Court Clerk Robin Lash

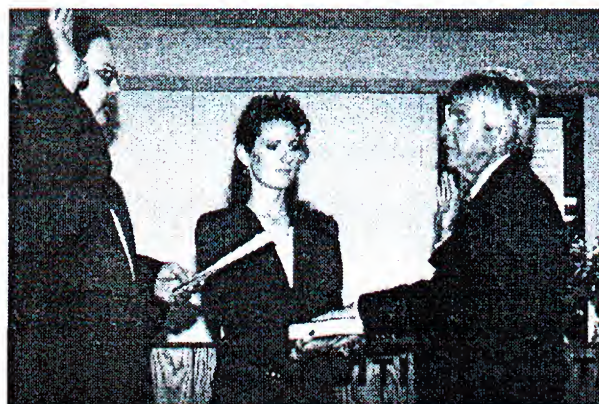


Rice and Lash swear in District Court judges Phil Lujan and Greg Bigler



Left: Rice Takes Oath From Lash, Chairman John Barrett.

Right: Rice Administers Oath To Secretary-Treasurer Gene Bruno.



Left: Justice Henson Administers Oath To Vice Chairman Linda Capps With Barrett's Help.

Right: Grievance Committee Member Teresa Vieux, Right, Takes Oath From Rice, Lash



Old friends Wahpepah, Henson exchange stories and smiles

Potawatomi 'family' architect part of health center project

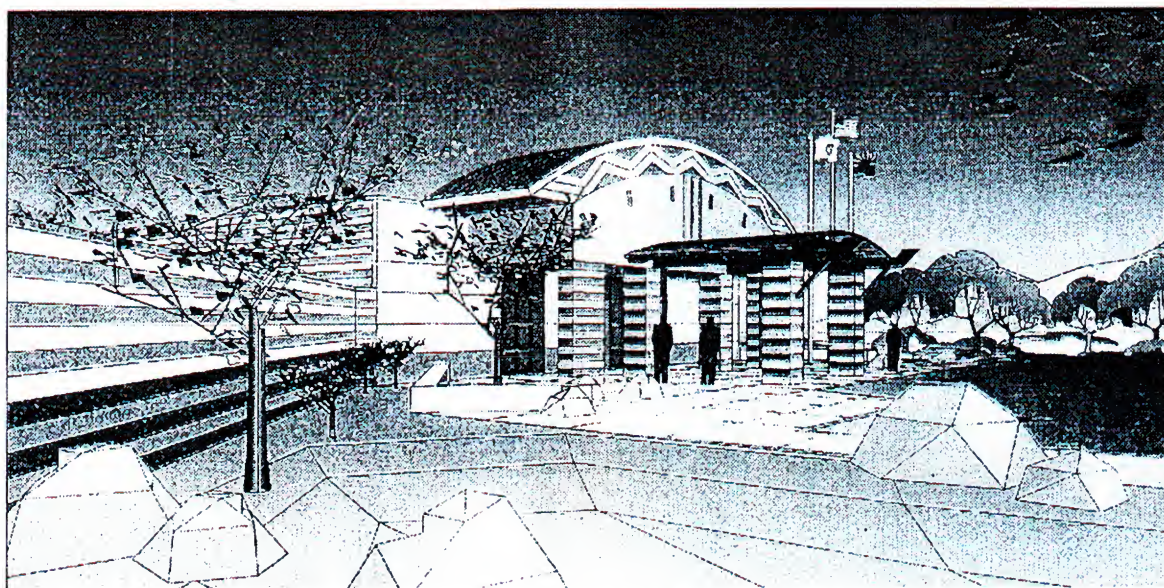
By MICHAEL DODSON
(Phoenix, Arizona) – When the time came to design the very important expansion of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's health clinic, tribal leaders were able to turn to a member of the family. In competition featuring top architecture firms from Oklahoma and elsewhere, the Phoenix, Arizona-based firm Wyatt/Rhodes inc. earned the contract.

Burke Wyatt is Wyatt/Rhodes' president. Wyatt is a Citizen Potawatomi member and a Registered Architect with 24 years of experience in architecture and planning. As president, Wyatt is responsible for maintaining Wyatt/Rhodes' direction and operations. He also directs many of the firm's health care, education, community, and housing projects.

Wyatt's partner is Michael J. Rhodes. He is a founding principal of Wyatt/Rhodes and has nearly 30 years of experience in the design of new and remodeled facilities, with emphasis on innovative and cost-effective designs. Rhodes has been responsible for the majority of the firm's educational facility projects.

Wyatt describes his firm in these terms: "We are a full service architecture and planning firm, established in 1982. Wyatt Rhodes was started with an emphasis on Native American medical and education facilities."

Wyatt/Rhodes has earned a place among Arizona's top 25 architecture and planning firms. "Since our beginning," Wyatt said, we have maintained a level of quality, design



An Example Of Wyatt/Rhodes Work: A Juvenile & Adult Detention Facility In Arizona

excellence, and professional service that has kept clients returning. We see this as the greatest indicator of our success."

During the past 16 years, Wyatt/Rhodes has completed more than 300 health care, education, housing, community, and hospitality projects. These projects have a combined construction value of more than one-half billion dollars.

"Wyatt/Rhodes inc. is 100% Native American owned and managed," Wyatt said. "We take great pride in our Native ownership; we hold a deep respect for the culture of each Native American community in which we work."

That commitment is displayed in the firm's hiring. On a staff of 29, there are 11 Native Americans, including Wyatt. In addition, these professionals hold responsible, well-paid positions including: two project architects, two CADD technicians and a CADD

operator, an office administrator, a marketing coordinator, an accounting clerk, and two secretary/receptionists.

Wyatt is the current president of American Indian Council of Architects and Engineers (AICAE) and a 16-year member. AICAE's goal is: To promote the interest of American Indians in pursuing careers as professional engineers, architects, and design professionals.

As a full service architecture and planning firm, Wyatt/Rhodes provides pre-design, design, and construction work. These services include: project management and programming; feasibility studies and needs assessments; master planning; preliminary and conceptual design studies; presentation drawings, scale models, and 3-D computer models; computer-based construction drawings; furniture and equipment specifications; bidding, negotiation, and procedures reviews; construc-

tion administration; and, comprehensive project and construction management.

With more than 300 to the firm's credit, presenting even a representative list of completed projects is more than our space allows. However, it is instructive to mention some of them. The firm designed the new 65,000 square foot Woodlands Tribes cultural and educational museum. It will be located within the Prophetstown State Park at Lafayette, Indiana.

Other notable projects include: the Gila River Indian Community's 120,000 square foot Tribal Government Center at Sacaton, Arizona; the Salt River Pima/Maricopa Indian Community Adult/Juvenile Detention Facility at Scottsdale, Arizona; the 250,000 square foot Ft. Defiance Comprehensive Health Care Facility in Arizona; the 84,000 square foot Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital in Sacaton; and the 60,000 square foot

Rock Point Community School in Rock Point, Arizona.

Wyatt/Rhodes is tackling the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Clinic as a co-venture with Holleyman Associates in Oklahoma City. Holleyman Associates' principal architect is Michael Holleyman, a member of the Muscogee Nation.

Holleyman has more than 30 years of experience. Like Wyatt/Rhodes, his firm specializes in Indian Country projects. "Our working relationship on this project has been a very smooth one," Holleyman told the HowNikan.

"Burke and his people have handled administrative tasks on the project while we have worked more closely with Joyce Abel (clinic director), Mr. Dunning, and others at Potawatomi headquarters. This has proved to be a very efficient working relationship," Holleyman said.

Holleyman Associates' inclusion in the project has brought a budding Citizen Potawatomi architect into the picture. Matthew Burnett, an architecture student at the University of Oklahoma, is performing his senior year internship at Holleyman Associates.

Burnett is doing much of the drafting work on the health clinic plans. He said that he is honored to have an opportunity to contribute to such an important project that will mean so much to his fellow Potawatomis.

Holleyman said Burnett's work has been top-drawer and the young Potawatomi has a bright future.

Improved diagnostic capability included in plans

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room (near the front of the building) will become a business office. The existing entry and waiting room will retain that function."

According to Holleyman, the existing business office and restrooms will remain almost unchanged. The existing kitchen and a large room adjacent to it will become a large meeting room. The offices in the existing wings will become a pharmacy, a lab, and nursing offices.

The east-west wing on the clinic's north side will include: offices and examining rooms for four health care providers (doctors and nurse practitioners), a new radiology/x-ray department, and its own waiting room, which will tie into a secondary waiting room for patients await-

ing laboratory procedures.

The southside wing will, among other things, be home to an expanded Behavioral Health program.

Clinic Director Abel says this expansion will be a tremendous boost to the facility's ability to serve its patients, allowing it to serve even more people and to drastically cut appointment-waiting time. "Our diagnostic capabilities will be greatly increased. And, the wonderful thing is that we will have it all here. We won't have to contract out very much of our services that are needed."

That will mean an improved continuity of care for patients and less records transfer and duplication.

In addition to hiring two more physicians, the Potawatomi Clinic plans to add such services as ultra-sound and mam-

mography. "This equals more convenience and better quality service for our patients," Abel said.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation will serve as its own general contractor for this project, using construction crews under the capable guidance of Bob Dunning. "This has allowed some construction work even before the final touches have been put on the architectural design," Holleyman said.

"This frees us up, design-wise," Holleyman added. "Normally, we would be under tighter time constraints. We are working with Bob, releasing parts of the projects early (for construction to begin). Bob, along with the clinic staff, has been involved with this project from the very beginning, helping to develop the basic floor plan. They know what we are do-

ing."

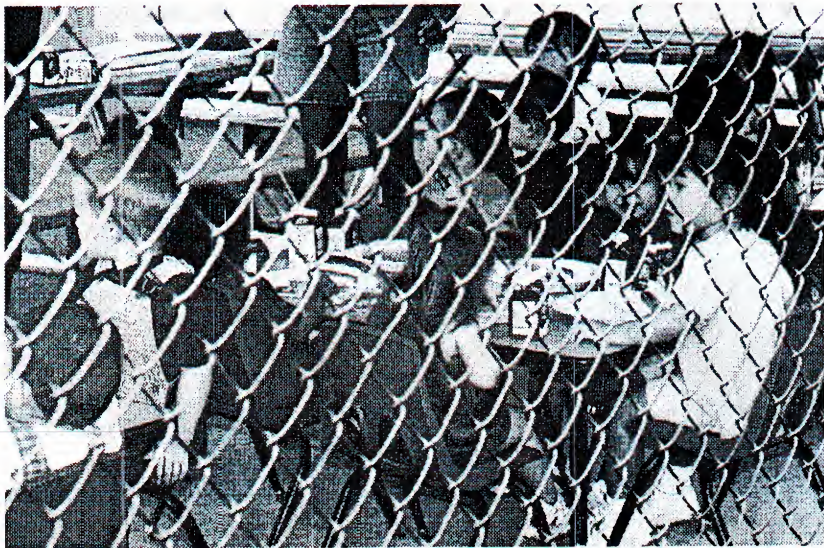
Holleyman said that the Nation's using its own crews allows it to put more money into the actual construction, using money that would otherwise go into a general contractor's profit margin.

At HowNikan press time, the Potawatomi Nation Business Committee had not scheduled a groundbreaking date. A late October/early November date is being considered.

"Our completion date will, of course, depend on the weather, getting everything out of the ground and protected from the weather, and how smoothly everything flows together," Holleyman said. "I do think we are looking at less than a year of construction time."

That would mean a target date for occupancy and use before Fall of 1999.

DAY CARE 'END OF SUMMER' BASH



No, the youngsters are not caged. It's just that our photographer got caught on the wrong side of the fence as these kids tore into a great meal, in preparation for an afternoon of fun.



The Parent-Student Three-Legged Race saw some very good times turned in. Then, there were Misty Rhoden and her daughter. Seems Misty's so tall, with such long legs, that the pair could just never develop a rhythm.



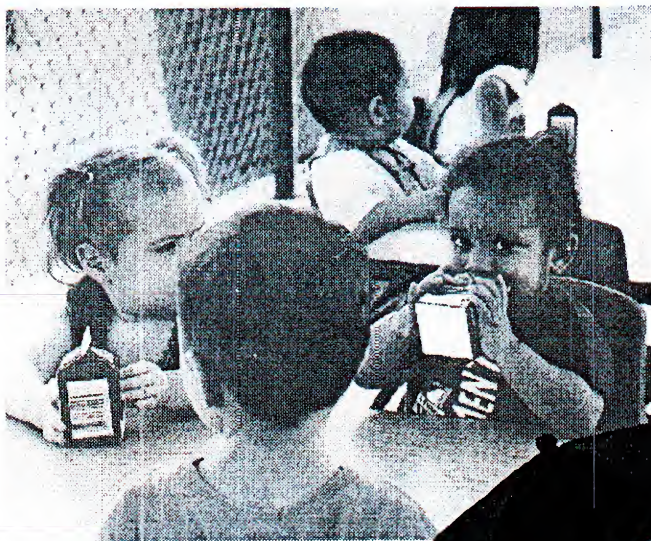
It takes well-prepared hamburger patties and hot dogs to "make" a top-notch picnic. Can't you smell that beef sizzlin'?!



Ron Factor and Donnette Littlehead, Day Care Center Director, ensured that plates were filled.



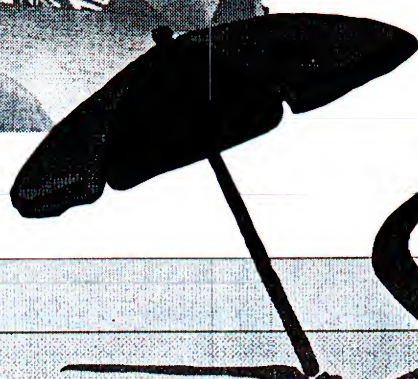
Then food's such an important aspect of a picnic that we thought we would pictorially give credit where credit is due.



Left: Milk began the meal for these toddlers, as they waited in anxious anticipation for the burgers that they could smell grilling just a few feet away.



And, you can never go wrong with pictures of cute kids having a whale of a fun time, as these were.



SUMMER

First National's Money Concepts offers financial planning

By MICHAEL DODSON

As First National Bank and Trust Co. of Shawnee continues evolving and growing, financial planning is among the newest services available. The financial planning center, through Money Concepts Capital Corp., offers these services at Suite 207 in the First National Bank building, at 130 East MacArthur in Shawnee.

The relationship between Money Concepts and First National Bank benefits both parties, financially and otherwise.

Karen J. Pinkston, CFS, manages the Money Concepts office and advises its clients. (The CFS designation is short for Certified Funds Specialist. Ms. Pinkston earned the designation through years of study and rigorous testing of her knowledge of mutual funds and annuities investing.)

"Money Concepts was formed in 1979," Pinkston explained. "It was founded for the purpose of providing financial planning help for people in a completely independent manner."

Money Concepts has no proprietary products to offer. Its product is financial planning assistance. "Everything that we do is very objective in helping the client," Pinkston told the *HowNiKan*. "We have about 200 companies that we work with (from which to choose investment vehicles and opportunities.) We look for the best way to serve the client."

Ms. Pinkston is in the midst of a series of four free seminars for anyone who wants information about money management and investing. The current series began in September.

The first seminar was on the general topic of money management. "In that seminar, we offered a lot of information about helping people learn to budget and provided ideas about what portion of income should be spent on specific budget items," Pinkston said.

"We also talked about the damage that credit can cause, if a person does not learn to control it early."

On October 20, Ms. Pinkston will discuss the Roth Individual Retirement Account, how it differs from traditional IRA's, and which might be better in specific sets of financial circumstances.

"The Roth offers a lot of things the traditional IRA



Karen Pinkston, Bank President Larry Briggs

does not," Ms. Pinkston said. "However, it is not right for everyone. It would be good for people to attend to learn the differences, so they can make a determination on which would be best for them, taxwise and otherwise."

A November 17 seminar will focus on Long-Term Care Insurance. "These are vehicles for insuring that, when and if the need for in-home or retirement facility

care arises, our clients can pay for it while protecting their hard-earned assets," Ms. Pinkston said.

On December 8, the topic will be "Mutual Funds vs. Annuities". In this seminar, Ms. Pinkston will discuss the differences between mutual funds and annuities as investments and retirement vehicles.

"There are a lot of differences in tax structures, tax deferred versus taxable every year. I'll explain these differences so people who attend can determine which fit their needs best."

Each seminar begins at 6:30 p.m. and will be held on the second floor of the First National Bank building.

"I am not a high-pressure salesman. I do not believe in that. I do not like it," Ms. Pinkston said. "What I am looking for are people who have needs and who want someone fair and honest to work with them."

This is a second career for Ms. Pinkston. She retired, after 20 years, from the civil service. At retirement, she was a Branch Chief in the B-2 Stealth Bomber Program at Tinker Air Force Base in Midwest City, Oklahoma. She supervised 31 employees.

Ms. Pinkston says that she "has been married forever" to Merle Pinkston, a retired military man. He does carpentry, floor, and tile work.

The couple resides in Choctaw, Oklahoma and are members of Liberty Baptist Church in Shawnee.

The Pinkstons are the proud parents of Rae Baker and grandparents of Rae's 10-year-old daughter Christina – "the joy of my life," as Karen Pinkston describes her.

Ms. Pinkston is very proud of and satisfied by her work in Toastmasters, an organization that helps people develop self-confidence and public speaking skills.

"Right now, I'm involved in a Toastmasters youth leadership program at Gordon Cooper Technology Center. I'm doing an eight-week training session for the Marketing Class, teaching them to speak better, learn protocol, and develop self-confidence."

Ms. Pinkston can be reached at her office through the First National Bank telephone number – 275-8830, ext. 275.

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This drawing by John Copeland III was featured on the full-color 1998 Frontier Days T-shirts. The woman in the center is drawn from a photograph of Mary Bourbonnais. Some shirts are still available from the Tecumseh Chamber of Commerce.

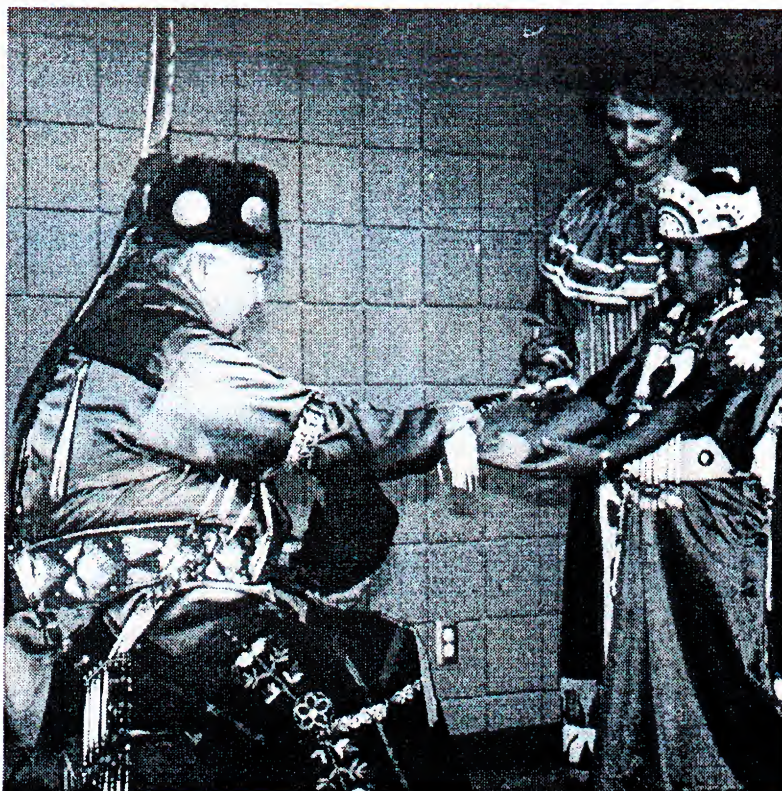


Aja Tainpeah, Linda Capps consider the message of the Abalone Shell

Potawatomi Nation plays important role in Tecumseh Frontier Days

The recent Frontier Days celebration in Tecumseh, Oklahoma offered an opportunity for the Potawatomi Nation to educate local residents about important aspects of the Nation's and the area's history. Skits prepared by the Nation and by Tecumseh residents were interesting, often humorous, and enlightening.

The Potawatomi Nation skits featured the telling of the Abalone Shell Legend, with its message to avoid pride and vanity, and the history of the Potawatomi purchase of 575,000 acres in what is now Pottawatomie County and the loss of half that land as it was opened to settlement.



Aja Tainpeah, right, portrayed the beautiful maiden in the Abalone Shell Legend skit. Here, she reaches for the shell, offered by Chairman John "Rocky" Barrett, as Vice Chairman Linda Capps watches. Barrett explained to her the legend's message about false pride and vanity.



Chairman John Barrett, Committeeman Hilton Melot, Vice Chairman Linda Capps related the story of the Potawatomi land purchase and loss of their land as it was opened to settlement.



Among those in the audience at Tecumseh City Hall were Ramona Tainpeah, tribal archaeologist Lisa Kraft and tribal elder Dorothy Lonelodge. Behind them are Esther Lowden and Romona Melot.

OLD TRAILS & TALL TALES

was the theme of the Frontier Days celebration and the title of the play which include the Potawatomi skits. The theme spotlighted the early days in Tecumseh's history.



At left, Don Warden, Dick Gilpin and Rowdy Gilpin depict cattle drovers. Center: Dr. Bob Zumwalt, Bill Crow and Kenneth McMahan portray settlers about to make the Land Run in Tecumseh. Right: Brian Snyder and Don Warden are drovers. Crow, Tecumseh's assistant chief of police, was chairman of the 1998 Frontier Days celebration.

Four local organizations get monetary help from tribe

By DENNETTE BRAND

As they pursue their missions, four organizations that assist children, women, and men are putting donations from the Citizen Potawatomi Nation to good use.

"We are very pleased to have the opportunity and means to assist these organizations," said John "Rocky" Barrett, Citizen Potawatomi Nation Chairman. "These organizations offer valuable services to both the Indian and non-Indian community."

With money from its Family Preservation Grant, the Potawatomi Nation has donated \$6,000 each to the Eagle's Nest Youth Shelter of Perkins, Oklahoma and Love Link Ministries of Oklahoma City; \$4,753 to the Unzner Child Advocacy Centre of Shawnee, Oklahoma; and \$3,000 to Project Safe of Shawnee. The four donations total \$19,753.

The Potawatomi Tribe uses the Eagle's Nest Shelter, which is operated by the Iowa Tribe, in cases of child abuse and neglect, to provide children a safe place to stay while an investigation takes place.

Crystal Littlecreek, Eagle's Nest director, is delighted by the donation. Littlecreek said that it will be used to buy such needed items as supplies, recreation equipment, and clothes for children who are placed at the shelter.

The shelter accommodates as many as 13 children, ranging in age from infants to 17 years old. The only requisite is that the child be an enrolled member of a Native American nation or tribe. The youth are able to stay as long as 30 days; they receive tutoring and counseling.

"The hope for the future," says Littlecreek, "is that the children (whom we help) will be able to attend school instead of receiving tutoring. That's because what they get at school is so much better for them, since some of them (children) are at the shelter for so long."

"Eagle's Nest is unique in that the Native American culture can be seen and felt the moment a visitor enters the grounds. This is a plus for Native American youth who have been removed from their homes; it gives them an opportunity to be with other youth and staff who are accustomed to the Native way of life," said Janet Draper, Indian Child Welfare Director for the Potawatomi Nation.

Because of confidentiality



Janet Draper, Thixe Tottie, Susan Morris

requirements, Eagle's Nest relies on word of mouth and referrals from other Indian Tribes to generate support for the facility. Draper deeply appreciates the services that Eagle's Nest offers and supports the shelter in any way she can.

Love Link will use the money to assist Native Americans who receive help from the Ministry. Love Link Ministries operates a shelter for homeless men and women. It provides food, counseling in the form of Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, and a place to stay when there is no other place.

Love Link has recovery houses for both men and women. These houses offer a place to stay while the residents are trying to re-establish themselves and/or their families. The men and women can stay in these houses for any length of time.

Love Link requires residents to attend AA meetings and to be making strides toward finding a job, while they live in the recovery houses. If the residents are unable to find a job, they perform work for the ministry in the form of putting together food packages, setting up for rummage sales, and serving meals.

Love Link serves as many as 300 people each month; 50% of these clients are Native American.

"The hope for the future," said Wayne Starks, Director of Love Link Ministries, "is that we can add a thrift shop to our industry." The thrift shop would bring in extra money to help pay Love Link Ministries

operating expenses.

"The people at Love Link are providing services that are very much needed in our community," said Draper. "We admire their commitment and the love, skill, and fervor with which they pursue their mission. We are pleased to be able to offer this assistance."

The shelter receives its funding from grants and donations. This \$6,000 will go towards purchasing food and other needed items. If you would like more information about Love Link Ministries, contact Wayne Stark at (405) 239-6219.

Project Safe offers a safe place for women and children who are the victims of domestic violence. Project Safe is a non-profit organization; it relies on grants and donations to offer these services.

"For obvious reasons, Project Safe does not publish information about our facility," said Carla Goode, Director. "Therefore, we must rely on supporting agencies and domestic violence advocates to get the word out about our services."

"Victims of domestic violence are often fearful of leaving their homes, because of worry over more abuse," Goode said.

Draper said, "Through agencies such as Project Safe, female and child domestic violence victims have a place to go, where they receive help getting their lives back in order. The Potawatomi Nation is proud to be able to support such a worthy effort."

Project Safe residents can stay as long as 30 days. During their stay, the women must be



Project Safe's Carla Goode With Janet Draper

actively pursuing employment and permanent living arrangements. Counselors are on hand 24 hours a day for the women and children.

Goode said that, with a facility such as Project Safe and a domestic violence advocate, women are less likely to return to a bad situation. The facility and the advocate give support when the women are most vulnerable.

Goode is very appreciative of the grant. She said, "It will be put to good use to help provide services to our clients. We will use the \$3000 for clothing, food, and other services."

Domestic violence is an increasing problem in many areas. For more information on what you can do to help, contact your local domestic violence advocate or shelter.

The money donated to the Unzner Centre will be used to purchase supplies and other equipment to support child abuse investigations.

The Unzner Child Advocacy Centre is a state-of-the-art facility, with a medical examining room equipped with a video Colposcope. It also has a child-friendly interview room with a one-way mirror equipped with video cameras to record the interview.

The Unzner Centre's goal is to ensure that a child does not have to be traumatized by multiple interviews following an incident of abuse. Rather, Unzner Centre staff members strive to make the interviews a beneficial, therapeutic, and healing process.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation has supported the

Unzner Centre since its beginning. When the Colposcope was needed, the Nation donated money to help purchase the state-of-the-art equipment.

The Unzner Child Advocacy Centre is a branch of Youth & Family Resources Center, Inc., in Shawnee. Youth & Family Resources provides shelter to children from infancy to age 17, counseling for families, and advocacy support for victims of sexual assault and child abuse.

Susan Morris is Youth & Family Resources Center Director. Morris expressed gratitude to the Nation for its support over the past few years. Thixe Totty, Director of the Unzner Child Advocacy Centre, is greatly appreciative of the support that the Centre has received from the Citizen Potawatomi Nation over the years.

She said, "This money will be put to good use in helping provide needed services to the families that we see here."

The Unzner Centre makes the experience of testifying about sexual assault or child abuse easier on the child, by providing a comfortable and child-friendly setting.

"Thixe and staff are making great strides in preserving what self-esteem a child has left by allowing him the opportunity to tell his story to all parties at one time," said Draper.

The Nation admires their commitment to the child and pledges continued support to their efforts. If you would like more information about the Unzner Child Advocacy Centre, please contact Thixe Totty at (405) 878-9597.

Eastern Regional Council



Above left: Chairman John Barrett, right, with wisest member Bill Pearce of Rochester, NY. Above right: Chairman Barrett with youngest Potawatomi, 4-year-old Devyn Hammond of Richardsville, VA. Right: Donald Land of Okmulgee, OK, who traveled farthest for the Council meeting.



Alexandria, Virginia Sept. 1998

(Alexandria, VA) – Approximately 60 Citizen Potawatomi Nation members turned out for a meeting in Alexandria, Virginia on September 20. The meeting was held to allow tribal leaders to begin assessing whether there is sufficient interest to continue Regional Council Meetings east of the Mississippi River.

One idea floated at the Alexandria meeting is to have the annual meeting site rotate among three cities.

"The Business Committee members are very encouraged by the attendance and the level of interest in their tribe and its activities that was displayed in Alexandria," said John 'Rocky' Barrett, Tribal Chairman.

"The Business Committee will now discuss and consider what we learned at the meeting," Barrett said. "We will use that information to decide about future gatherings."

"We are very appreciative of the hospitality that tribal members showed and of the assistance we received in setting up and holding this meeting," said Linda Capps, Vice Chairman.



Dell Chalk with husband Brad informed the audience about genealogy research on the Internet.



Prairie Band Potawatomi member Nedra Darling, an employee of the U.S. Census Bureau, spoke about the importance of being counted in the 2000 census as Citizen Potawatomi Nation members.



The Wright sisters, Amy, Janet and Emily, all live in Oxon Hill, Maryland, and work for the government



Bob Trousdale at statue of family member in Georgetown



Bob Trousdale, Deputy Administrator, sells gift shop goods at the Eastern Regional Council while Linda Capps, Vice Chairman, talks with a tribal member



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REGIONAL REPORTS

Northern California

Bozho!

We heard that greeting many times in Michigan. We heard prayers, jokes, and comments in our language, and it was a good sound accompanied by warm smiles.

The Huron Band knew how to make us feel welcome. They prepared their beautiful grounds with tents, tables and chairs. The traditional arbor was set up in the center of the arena and drew us together once again.

They cooked breakfast, lunch, and dinner for everyone. We ate buffalo, venison, corn/hominy soup, fry bread, watermelon, and pumpkin pie among many other things.

A black ash basket workshop was a great success and at the end of the weekend, we saw many beautiful examples of their efforts. There were foot races and walks which created great fun and laughter.

Another meeting which discussed what is going on with our language again emphasized how important it is

for us to learn and teach our children. Walter Cooper, Jim Thunder, Billy Daniels, and others spoke of the classes they have available at their grounds. (The tapes that are available can help those of us away from tribal grounds as well.)

The history of our people was given by the Huron historian. The next day, Susan Campbell followed up with her information on the Trail of Death. Both of these talks were important information and everyone paid attention. With all of us sitting right there, the stories seemed more alive somehow.

The sunrise ceremonies (with pipe ceremonies) and sharing circles were quite uplifting and enlightening. I learned so much from our elders and others who were willing to share.

At one point, I heard there were 1,000 Potawatomi in attendance. I know there were approximately 40 or so Citizen members there, which is a good increase from the 6 who showed up a couple of years ago!

Everyone was friendly and considerate. The elders were treated with great respect and provided for graciously. I am so very glad my ten-year-old son was there to experience all of this. My blond, blue-eyed child made friends and danced in the circle and wants to go to next year's Gathering ... this is good.

Next year, the Pokagon Band will be hosting. I know it's a long trip, but I encourage everyone to start saving now and join us there. Once we're all in that circle we are all just Potawatomi — nishnabe. The theme for this year's Gathering was "Welcome Home" and they couldn't have chosen a better one.

When you receive this issue, all the kids will be in school and we will once again be on that fast, holidays-coming track. I will be hunting for the perfect spot for our next regional meeting, perhaps in the Stockton area. If you have any suggestions, please share them with me.

bama mine' and be well,

— Jennifer J. Porter

Colorado

Greetings From Colorado,

The leaves are starting to turn, the mornings are starting to be a little crisper. Indian summer is just around the corner.

It's been quiet in the Denver region. Due to illness I was unable to attend the Tribal Council and Pow Wow in Shawnee in June. I sure missed going this year; it's always such a good time to see family and old friends. I did hear wonderful reports from folks in this region who went. Congratulations to Mr. Barrett, the Business Committee and the entire staff at the tribal offices for a job well done.

However I was back on track in July and taught a traditional clothing class at the Woodland Workshop at Lafayette, Indiana. My son John went and enjoyed taking the black ash basket class again this year and a class on Great Lakes Indian traditions. We enjoyed our time there getting reacquainted with friends we had made last year and making new friends.

I attended the White Buffalo Council Labor Day Pow Wow at Tallbull Park, over the Labor Day weekend. My son John danced. He placed second in his category, and first place in rabbit dance. I was happy to see Marlene Perez, Carolyn Koester and family there

enjoying the dancing. We also, attended the Denver Art Museums Children's Pow Wow this past Saturday. I was certainly proud to see that our Potawatomi children were well represented by the presence of John Gibson, Calvin Bishop, Jesse and Aaron McEathron. It always warms my heart to see parents and grandparents encourage the children to learn our culture and tradition.

We recently went to the Indian movie "Smoke Signals." This feature film is the first ever written, co-produced, directed, and starring American Indians. Written by Indian author Sherman Alexie, directed Chris Eyre, the film stars Gary Farmer, Adam Beach, Irene Bedard (voice of Pocahontas), Tantoo Cardinal, and Elaine Miles (Marilyn on Northern Exposure). This was a great movie, and will make the Indian in all of us proud. Also, in October at the Denver Center of Performing Arts Complex, there will be an exclusive showing of "Naturally Native." This is another contemporary Indian film.

I've heard a lot of good reviews about this film, and look forward to going.

I am trying to put together a schedule to start language classes. If you are interested give me a call; I need your suggestions.

REGIONAL COUNCIL IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER. Be looking for your invitation. This is the time to get together with the Business Committee, and enjoy a day with Potawatomi people.

"Sometimes when your going home, it's important to know where you've come from."

Until next time,

— Penny Bishop

DONATIONS TO THE HOWNİKAN

Jane Kreeger,
Seminole, OK

Arthur & Genevieve
Minshaw,
Mineral Wells, Texas
Marc E. Duncan,
Woodland Hills, CA

Quinton & Bernece Phillely,
Kingman, AZ

REGIONAL REPORTS

North Texas

It was 92 degrees today and we were grateful for the "cool front." There were clouds in the sky and it looked like rain. It did not rain, but it did look like rain. I tell you, we take what we can get. It has been a hot and miserable summer and really hard on a lot of people. Football has started and surely Fall cannot be far behind.

As I mentioned before, The American Indian Arts Council of Dallas has scheduled the 9th Annual American Indian Art Festival & Market for Nov. 6-8, 1998 at Fair Park in Dallas. This includes a juried show and competition for the artists, special exhibits, stage performances, children's activity area, cultural demonstrations, native music and dance concert, and authentic tribal foods. More information can be obtained by calling AIAC office at 214-891-9640.

The American Indian Heritage Celebration will be October 31, 1998 in Arlington, Texas, Legacy Park.

Our chairman, John "Rocky" Barrett has committed to attend. Sponsors will be the American Indian Center, the

American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Texas, the Urban Center of Texas, the Dallas Independent School District Indian Education Program, the American Indian Community Council of Tarrant County, American Airlines, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

My information is limited to what I have read in The Morning Star, a newsletter of the American Indian Center, but you can call them for details at 817-545-9555.

There are events scheduled all through the month of November in celebration of Native American History Month. Watch the paper and make your choice according to what you can fit in your calendar. And don't forget the State Fair of Texas in October.

I always enjoy speaking with you when you call and it's interesting to hear how you got to this point in your life. If you need forms, I'll be glad to send them. I now have e-mail and my address is Region07@Potawatomi.org. Drop me a line!

— Marj Hobdy



1998-99 Regional Council Schedule

Denver	Oct. 1, 1998
Dallas	Nov. 7, 1998
Southern California	Jan. 16, 1999
Phoenix	Feb. 6, 1999
Northern California	March 6, 1999
Houston	March 20, 1999
Seattle/Portland	April 24, 1999
Kansas City	May 15, 1999

Oregon/Idaho

Bosho,

I am really sorry I was unable to make the gathering in Athens, Michigan. My daughter Regena (Ma Jin Sih) has been filling me in on what she saw. I've asked her to say a few words.

The gathering was such a spiritual enlightening for me; it's very hard to put into words all I experienced. The early morning sunrise gathering around the sacred fire was well worth the tired eyes. I learned so much from Dale Thomas, a spiritual leader; he had a lot of very important and interesting things to teach us, as well as the pipe carriers that spoke.

One of the things Dale mentioned was about how we treat Mother Earth. We need to pick up after ourselves, not leave the paper, plastics, and cigarette butts lay on the ground. With the Indian people there is no waste and a use for everything. This brought visions of my Grandfather, and how he was always puttering around and picking up things. He had cans and bottles full of stuff everywhere.

A few members and elders of the Huron band set up and taught us all weekend how to make Black Ash Baskets. Starting from a log that we all took turns stripping and pounding to the finished touches added to our baskets. If we don't pass on what we know, these traditions will be lost forever. What a wonderful gift to learn from our brothers and sisters back east.

We were fortunate to have Susan Campbell there to talk about the Trail of Death and her family's experience of following it.

I met many new friends in Michigan some that traveled from different states, like New York and Arkansas. Not to mention getting reacquainted with old friends I've met at Pow Wow in Oklahoma. I really appreciated the long drive Shane West and friend Colby made from Eugene, Oregon, to the Gathering. They were two tired guys, but I saw Colby at the early sunrise fire every morning, and Shane wasn't too tired to dance and lead us in the Oklahoma two step. I hope they will share their trip with us in the HowNiKan. I highly recommend the trip next year to everyone.

Pa Ma Me Ma, Ma Jin Sih,

— Rocky Baptiste and Regena Story



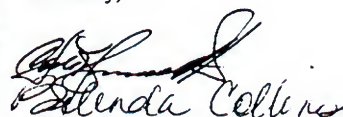
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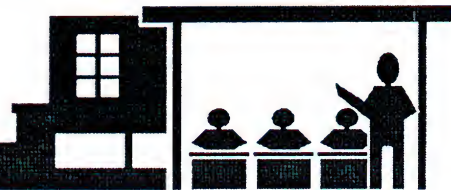
Open Letter To: Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Board of Directors of First National Bank and Trust Company, Fellow Officers and Co-workers of First National Bank and Trust Company, Family, Friends and many customers.

Please accept our sincere gratitude for the help and support given to us following the robbery attempt on September 4. It has been the strength you lent and the compassion displayed that has enabled us to deal with a difficult event with a minimum of disruption in our lives. We are truly appreciative of your prayers and concerns.

Sincerely,


C Dale Klingensmith
Belinda Collins

SPECIAL REPORT: OPPORTUNITIES IN EDUCATION



St. Gregory's University

In 1997, St. Gregory's College, then a two-year institution and Oklahoma's only Catholic higher education institute, became St. Gregory's University, an accredited four-year institution.

St. Gregory's has always had a very special relationship with Native Americans. It shows in the university's love for the Sacred Heart Mission and the relationship it has with the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

The Nation and the University have developed a partnership that offers students an opportunity to grow both spiritually and emotionally while furthering their education. SGU and the Nation offer students a chance to do internships at their choice of the many tribal enterprises or the tribal headquarters, depending on the student's major.

The American Indian Student Association (AISA) brings Native American students together to plan activities and share their heritage with other students. Throughout the school year, AISA will host a Pow-wow, stomp dance, and Indian taco sale. Members are also planning a Native American Awareness Week; it will feature such cultural activities as a hoop dance, Native American art display, and a Pow-wow.

AISA will participate in the Big 12 Native American Student Conference at OU. This conference allows Native American students from universities in the Big 12 region to come together and participate in many cultural activities. This conference allows the various schools to share a common interest.

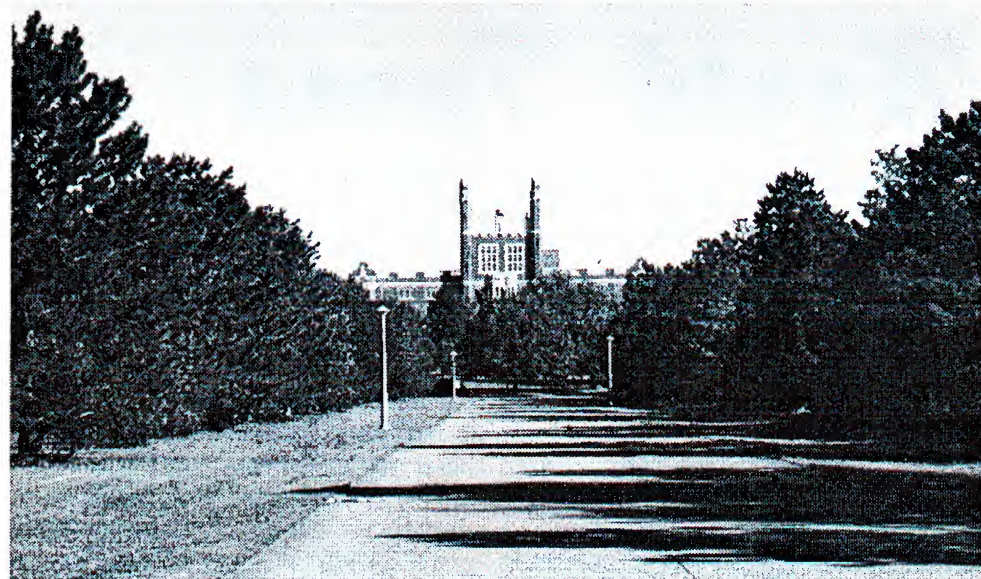


Tisha Shields, Left, And Michelle Ramirez, Right, Staff Sponsors For St. Gregory's AISA

Michelle Ramirez at 405-878-5614.

The St. Gregory's Abbey is located on the grounds and offers a place for the students to retreat in time of prayer and silence. The Abbey and University Church also offer worship services for the Abbey and the entire campus community, as well as the Shawnee community.

Anyone wanting more information about AISA, can contact Tisha Shields at 405-878-5419 or



The Entrance To St. Gregory's University

Following is information about St. Gregory's requirements and costs:

Requirements for freshman applying to SGU:

- ACT score of at least 18 or
- SAT score of at least 800 and
- Weighted high school GPA of at least 2.00 or
- Class rank in upper half of graduating class.

Requirements for students transferring to SGU:

- Must be in good standing with institution last attended and
- Maintained a 2.0 cumulative GPA.

Requirements for students entering the Adult Continuing Education (ACE) program

- High school GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale,
- Five years work experience,
- Demonstration of responsibility and life experience (provide resume to document this experience),
- Demonstration of high motivation to complete the degree (provide a biography), and
- Demonstration of professional and personal support (provide 3 letters of recommendation).

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ST. GREGORY'S UNIVERSITY-CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION ADULT CONTINUING EDUCATION (ACE) PROGRAM

St. Gregory's University and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation have designed an education opportunity to allow tribal members and employees and other members of the community to complete their work on a college degree.

The Adult Continuing Education (ACE) program is the initial component of the Potawatomi Institute for Indian Education. ACE is designed to assist working adults complete degree requirements through a non-traditional program of study.

ACE meets needs of these students through three tracks: (1) a General Education Seminar, (2) an Area of Concentration Contract, and (3) a Personalized Education Contract.

This program allows students to complete a Bachelor's Degree in an accelerated time, while attending classes just one evening per week and minimizing interference with their work schedules. It converts significant life experience into college credit hours and improves communication and leadership skills, strengthening the student's position in the job market.

The **General Education Seminar** allows students to earn as many as 60 credit hours in five 10-week modules. Each consists of 12 credit hours each. These modules are focused in such competency areas as Communication, Social Studies, Philosophy/Theology, Professional development, and Math/Science.

The five modules meet from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. one night per week for ten weeks each.

Through the **Area of Concentration Contract**, students work with a faculty member to develop a contract to complete credit hours in an area of study. This contract uses such techniques as directed study, electronic media courses, advanced standing tests, internships, and other individualized study vehicles.

The **Personalized Education Contract** has the student work with a faculty

member to develop a contract to study areas selected by the student with the aim of individualizing his degree.

Prospective ACE students should have five to seven years of work experience, a high school degree or its equivalent, an SAT/ACT or other standardized test score, and a demonstrated measure of professionalism. They may also have some college work and/or evidence of competencies that were obtained from previous experience.

St. Gregory's University has committed Department Chairs to lead a team of four faculty instructors for each module. In addition, lead faculty will serve as individual advisors to help students assess their existing competencies and design a course of study.

Tuition for the **General Education Seminar** series is \$200 per credit hour. Tuition for a 12-credit hour module would be \$2,400; it would be \$12,000 for the entire set of five modules.

The **Credit by Demonstrated Competency** fee is \$250 for each course received. The Application and Initial Assessment fee for ACE is \$200. It is due at the time of application and is non-refundable.

St. Gregory's offers three payment plans: (1) an Employer Payment Plan, (2) an Employer Reimbursement Plan, and (3) a University Payment Plan.

The first option has the employer paying tuition and fees before a module begins. The second has the student pay costs upon registration then receive reimbursement from an employer upon completion of the module.

The University Payment Plan allows a student to pay in installments. One-third of total costs is upon registration. One-third is due within the first month of classes. In addition, the remaining costs are due within the second month.

SPECIAL REPORT: OPPORTUNITIES IN EDUCATION



St. Gregory's

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mentation from professional and personal references).

Tuition costs:

- Less than 12 hours \$200 per credit hour
- Block of 12-17 hours \$3,300 per semester
- In excess of 17 hours \$200 per credit hour

Students who enter the ACE Program through the Potawatomi Institute for Indian Education pay \$100 per credit hour. Students who enroll in ACE through St. Gregory's University pay \$200 per credit hour.

Fees:

General Fee:

- Full-time students \$345 per semester
- Part-time students \$28 per credit hour

Technology fee

- Full-time incoming freshmen \$200 per semester
- Full-time returning student \$200 per semester
- Part-time students \$32 per credit hour
- Part-time students with laptops \$75 per semester

(Technology fee is reduced to \$75 when the student registers his laptop.)

- Room deposit to cover damages \$100
- Registration fee (non-refundable) \$50

(The \$50 will be credited toward tuition once student is registered.)

* Other fees may apply depending on courses taken.

Room and board:

- Mark Braun Hall (Semi-Private) \$1,090 per semester
- Mark Braun Hall (Private) \$1,625.00 per semester
- DeGrasse/Duperou Halls (Semi-Private) \$1,090 per semester
- DeGrasse/Duperou Halls (Private) \$1,625 per semester

Meals:

- 21 meals per week \$952 per semester
- 14 meals per week \$785 per semester
- 10 meals per week \$728 per semester

Oklahoma Baptist University

Oklahoma Baptist University, located two miles south of I-40 in Shawnee, has a rich history in Oklahoma and with the Oklahoma Baptist Convention.

OBU was founded on 60 acres that was donated by the City of Shawnee. Since that time, OBU has grown to occupy 125 acres and 30 buildings. The school is owned by the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma; it is operated through a Board of Trustees elected by the Convention.

The institution remains consistent with the purpose for which it was founded: to furnish the means by which the churches may carry out the Great Commission (Matthew 28: 18-20). The staff and faculty model this purpose and show the students a way in which to mold their life.

The Bison is the school mascot and was chosen for the land on which OBU sits, known as "Bison Hill". The bison once clothed, fed, and sheltered many Native Americans. OBU founders hoped that the OBU graduates would also "help meet the needs of the world."

The Native American Heritage Association (NAHA) is the campus club through which Native American students come together to celebrate and plan activities that support their heritage. The group has weekly meetings that allow



Oklahoma Baptist University's
Raley Chapel

them to share their experiences, as well as plan for club functions.

On November 18, 1998, NAHA will be hosting the "Future's Fair." The fair brings together area Native American students to show them what OBU has to offer. During this fair, there will be guest speaker, one of who is Browning Pipestem, a Norman attorney and expert on tribal government sovereignty. There will be food, fun, and fellowship.

Some of the other events activities that NAHA has planned for this school year are a Pow-wow and a stomp dance. Additionally, members will work with the organization Central Tribes of the Shawnee Area (CTSA), which sponsors a Head Start program for Native American youngsters.

Anyone who wants more information about NAHA can contact Ron Duncan at 405-878-2220.

The following is a breakdown of OBU requirements and costs:

Requirements for freshman applying to OBU

- ACT score of at least 20 or
- SAT score of at least 950 and
- Weighted high school GPA of at least 2.50 or
- Class rank in the upper half.

Students transferring to OBU from another college must:

- Be eligible to continue studies in the college from which they transfer,
- Have maintained a 2.50 GPA, and
- Have not enrolled in extensive remedial academic coursework.

Note: If a student is age 25 or older, some of the requirements may be waived with approval from the Admissions Committee.

Tuition Costs:

- Full-time students:

2-16 credit hours fall or spring semester — \$3,830

16 or more credit hours (per credit hour) — \$220

- Part-time students:

Fewer than 12 hours (per credit hour) — \$240.00

January term/Summer term (per credit hour) — \$200

Fees per semester:

- Enrollment fees required by most students:

General fee, full-time student — \$200

Part-time student (6-11 hours) — \$100

Concert-Lecture series — \$15

Geiger Center, full-time student — \$20

Part-time student (6-11 hours) & summer — \$10

SGA Fee, full-time student — \$8

Part-time student (6-11 hours) & summer — \$4

Computer Laboratory Fee, full-time student — \$20

Part-time student (6-11 hours) & summer — \$10

Library Fee, full-time student — \$25

Part-time student (6-11 hours) & summer — \$12.50

Assessment Fee, full-time student — \$5

Part-time student (6-11 hours) & summer — \$3

* Other fees may apply, depending on courses taken.

Housing Costs per semester (not including January term or summer sessions):

- Housing units for women:

WMU, Kerr, and Howard Dormitories — \$740

Taylor Residence Center — \$790

Howard Apartments — \$790

West University Apartments — \$840

- Housing units for men:

Brother Hood Dormitory — \$725

Midland Apartments — \$790

MacArthur Apartments — \$840

All rates are subject to change at the beginning of any semester or term.

Meal costs per semester or term:

- Charges for meals in the Laura Scales Cafeteria effective August 1, 1998, are:

20 meals per week for Fall and Spring terms — \$965

14 meals per week for Fall and Spring terms — \$885

10 meals per week for Fall and Spring terms — \$835

10 meals per week for January term — \$185

5 meals per week available only in January term — \$105

65 meals (apartment and off-campus students) — \$330

All rates are subject to change at the beginning of any semester or term. Meal plans are not subject to refund except upon withdrawal from school.

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Gordon Cooper Technology Center

In 1970, Gordon Cooper Technology Center began operation as the Gordon Cooper Area Vocational-Technical School. In its early days, Gordon Cooper had 10 training programs and occupied 70,000 square feet of classroom space. Today, the school features 26 full-time programs and occupies over 260,000 square feet of classroom and laboratory space.

Gordon Cooper also serves nearly 4,000 adult students through its short-term night classes and seminars.

Gordon Cooper has several business and industry training programs; these include the Training for Industry Program (TIP), Small Business Development/Self-employment Training, the BID Assistance Center, Industry-Specific Training, and Safety Training.

TIP is designed for a particular company, tailored to meet that company's specific employee training needs. The only requirement for the company is that it create new jobs for Oklahoma.

The Small Business Development/Self-Employment Training program provides assistance and guidance to persons interested in starting their own business. This program involves one-on-one consultation, classroom instruction, and hands-on guidance from experts in business.

The Bid Assistance Center helps small and disadvantaged business owners learn about opportunities for bidding for federal and state government procurement contracts. The center also helps these businesses prepare their bids.

Industry-Specific Training customizes planning to meet a company's specific training needs. These training sessions can occur on the company premises or at Gordon Cooper Technology Center.

The Safety Training program offers affordable and comprehensive training for businesses in the area that the school serves.

Gordon Cooper also offers a practical nursing program of approximately 11 months duration. It provides students the needed courses to begin their work in the medical field. Through this program, the students learn practical nursing applications and have the opportunity to put that knowledge to use during their clinical rotations.

Gordon Cooper has several daytime programs that are currently serving about 800 students. For the fiscal year 97-98, Gordon Cooper served 2,482 students in both day and evening programs.

Gordon Cooper offers a number of financial aid opportunities. These include: Pell Grants; OTAG, JTPA, and Veterans Assistance Programs; and work-study opportunities.

Tuition and Fees (Day Programs-Per Year)

- Half-time student — \$375
- Half-time (out of district) — \$750
- Full-time student — \$750
- Full-time (out of district) — \$1,500
- Half-time Aviation — \$587.50
- Half-time Aviation (out of district) — \$1,050
- Full-time Aviation (out of district) — \$2,100
- Full-time Practical Nursing — \$1,300
- Practical Nursing (out of district) — \$2,600
- Professional Diesel Mechanic — \$925

* Tuition prices subject to change; books and materials also may not be reflected in tuition prices.

High school students who wish to attend Gordon Cooper Technology Center and who attend district-sending schools can attend free of charge.

For more information about Gordon Cooper, please call 405-273-7493.

The University of Oklahoma

The University of Oklahoma, located in Norman, Oklahoma, is one of the oldest Oklahoma institutions of higher learning. In 1890, it was created by the Oklahoma Territorial Legislature. OU has 18 colleges; they offer 134 bachelor's degrees, 82 master's degrees, 51 doctoral degrees, four graduate certificates, and one professional degree.

The tradition at OU can be seen and heard at most sporting events. From the fight



**Citizen Potawatomi Nation
Vice Chairman Linda
Capps Is An Administrator
At Gordon Cooper
Technology Center**

song "Boomer Sooner" to the wearing of crimson and cream, many alumni and well-wishers are proud to support a school with such rich traditions.

The American Indian Student Services (AISS) at OU has many different activities for Native American students to participate in. The AISS provides support and assistance to help Native American students successfully accomplish their goals.

This year, OU will host the American Indian Big 12 Student Conference. This conference will feature gourd dancing, arts and crafts, food and friendship and will commence with a Pow-wow.

AISS is involved in many programs that benefit Native American students and hosts a number of activities as well. If you would like more information about AISS, please contact Shannon Freeman at 405-325-3163.

The following requirements and costs apply to Oklahoma residents; out-of-state resident requirements and costs differ.

Requirements for freshman students applying to OU:

- Official copy of high school transcript,
- ACT score of at least 22 or
- SAT score of at least 1010 or
- Non-weighted high school GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, and
- Rank in top 33% of graduating class.

Requirements for students transferring to OU:

- If transferring in with 7-23 semester hours attempted, the student must meet performance requirements for first-time entering freshmen and must have at least a 1.7 GPA on all college work attempted.
- If transferring in with 24-30 semester hours attempted, the student must have at least a 1.7 GPA on all college work attempted.
- If transferring in with 31 or more semester hours attempted, the student must have at least a 2.0 GPA on all college work attempted.

Tuition Per Credit Hour

	Freshman/Sophomore	Junior/Senior
General tuition	\$56.50	\$60.00
Activity, Library and Assessment Fees	\$7.65	\$7.65
Total paid per credit hour	\$64.15	\$67.65
Room and Board Charges	Single	Double
• Towers (with air)	\$5,242	\$4,200
• Quads (with air)	\$4,954	\$4,012
• Sooner Housing Center (with air)	\$3,724	

The Sooner Housing Center room rate includes 15 meals per week, Monday through Friday at Jefferson Cafeteria only.

Meals:

- 12 meals per week — \$200 meal points
 - 10 meals per week — \$300 meal points
 - 8 meals per week — \$400 meal points
- (One meal point equals one dollar)

Seminole State College

Seminole State College, established in 1931 as Seminole Junior College, is located in Seminole, Oklahoma. The school was originally an extension of Seminole High School. At that time, classes were held at the high school and taught by high school teachers.

Today, Seminole State College has an enrollment of approximately 1,800. It has increased its involvement in college athletics and reintroduced college courses in area communities and local vocational centers.

The Native American Student Association (NASA) is a cross mix of tribes that is student run and directed. NASA is the largest and most active student group on campus; it has many fundraising events to allow the club to participate in and sponsor various activities.

NASA not only holds benefit activities, but it also participates in many beneficial activities, such as touring other colleges to learn what the other schools are doing and have to offer.

Last year Seminole State College participated in the Big 12 Native American student association conference and won the award for having the largest student attendance at the conference. If you would like more information, please contact Richard Leeper at 405-382-9950.

The following requirements apply to Oklahoma residents. Out-of-state resident requirements differ.

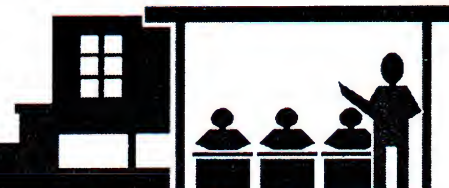
Requirements for freshman applying to SSC:

- Copy of high school transcript or GED
- ACT scores, no scores more than five years old
- Students under 21 who have not taken the ACT must take a placement test prior to enrollment and must take the ACT during the first semester of enrollment.
- Students over 21 are not required to have ACT scores, but may be subject to placement testing.

Requirements for students transferring to SSC:

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- Must have transcripts of any college hours attempted,
- Transcript of hours in progress must be provided after completion, and
- Placement testing may be required after visiting with counselors.

Tuition and Fees are combined to give a per credit hour price

• Tuition — \$29.50 per semester credit hour	
• Technology Service Fee	\$3 per semester credit hour
• Library Technology Fee	\$1 per semester credit hour
• Records Management Fee	\$1 per semester credit hour
• Student Assessment Fee	\$1 per semester credit hour
• Student Activity Fee	\$5.15 per semester credit hour
• Student Service Fee	\$4.30 per semester credit hour
• Student Government Fee	\$0.25 per semester credit hour
Total Per Credit Hour	\$45.20

*Other fees may apply depending on courses taken.

Room and board:

• 17 meals per week plan	\$1,350
• 15 meals per week plan	\$1,300
• 12 meals per week plan	\$1,250

Note: all rooms are typically double occupancy. Single rooms may be allowed if a room is available and a request is made by the student and approved by the Housing Director. A single room will cost an additional \$100 per semester.

University of Central Oklahoma

The University of Central Oklahoma, once known as Central State University, has been around since 1890. It was originally the Territorial Normal School, which offered two years of college work and a complete preparatory school.

In 1919, the Edmond institution became a four-year college. Since then, UCO has grown in the number of majors it offers as well as adding a graduate program. UCO is one of the most electronically advanced universities in the state.

The First Americans Student Association (FASA) is the on-campus organization

that offers Native American students an opportunity to get to know one another. The club holds many benefit activities. They include a fall benefit Pow-wow, Indian Heritage Week, and an Indian Taco fund-raiser, just to name a few.

For more information about FASA or UCO, please contact Michelle Aitson-Roessler at 405-974-2580.

The following requirements apply to Oklahoma residents. Out-of-state resident requirements differ.

Requirements for freshman applying at UCO:

- ACT score of at least 19 or
- SAT score of at least 890 or
- Weighted high school GPA of at least 2.7 and
- Class rank in the upper 50%

Requirements for students transferring to UCO:

- Must be in good academic standing with institution transferring from and
- If transferring with 0-30 credit hours attempted, the student must have maintained at least a 1.7 cumulative GPA
- If transferring with greater than 30 credit hours attempted, the student must have maintained at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA.

Tuition per credit hour	Freshman/Sophomore	Junior/Senior
• General tuition	\$46.00	\$47.00
• General fees	\$14.20	\$14.20
Total paid per credit hour	\$60.20	\$61.20
Room rates, including meals	One semester	Two semesters
20 meals	\$1,391	\$2,690
14 meals	\$1,311	\$2,530
10 meals	\$1,238	\$2,383
Flexentials	\$1,387	\$2,682

Information & Photos For This Report Were Compiled By Dennette Brand, Assistant Director of Public Information For The Citizen Potawatomi Nation

From Our Mailbox



Dear Rocky and Staff,

I am quite impressed at the progress being made in the Seniors Health Program in progress to keep the seniors in our own homes. Thank you. Also the seniors have lived through depressions, droughts and political problems and we have lots to offer our communities though some of us cannot do manual labor but most of us have many other talents.

Feeding and sitting with the older and weaker, encouraging each with a happy existence, hobbies, entertaining, pets and plants, communications by phone for the lonely and especially the ones without close families. A chain of phone calls gives the homebound things to think about. Cassettes are often used to send messages to others far away. Collecting small items, buttons, pens, pencils, business cards, etc.

I see great progress in our clinic and hospitals and home health care. I am no longer apprehensive with the oncoming transportation and the health program provided for our children and health care centers for our children. The Indian people are protective of families. But we all need occupation encouragement, interest and respect and training. Until we have a clockwork unity in this big undertaking, our chairman, our chief executive, our (chief) and co-chairman and entire staff, and the wonderful nurses we have, as the old song goes "From the Cradle to the Grave." Then in unity let us be grateful and put forth our greatest effort.

Gladys B. Small
Shawnee, Okla.



Dear Archbishops, Bishops, Members of the Society of Jesus and of Native American Nations, Pastors, Former Parishoners, Parishoners and Friends,

Please join us in St. Marys, Kansas on Friday, October 2, 1998, to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Jesuits coming to St. Marys to establish a Mission.

Activities start with 7-8:45 a.m. breakfast in Riverside Park. Tours to various historic areas, talks by several Native Americans, a dedication ceremony and lunch at St. Marys Pay Station Museum, 111 E. Mission Street will complete the morning activities.

St. Marys High School Homecoming Parade will begin at 2 p.m. Bring a lawn chair and plan to find a spot in the main business district or join in the parade by calling ahead to arrange entry in the parade.

Next will be a concelebrated Mass to begin promptly at 4 p.m. Following the Mass a buffet supper will be held in the Centennial Building, 202 W. Bertrand at 5:30 p.m.

The football game at St. Marys High School will begin at 7p.m., as will the closing ceremonies of the Trail of Death Caravan around the bonfire at Riverside Park.

Since it will be impossible to contact all interested persons, please pass along this information.

Father Earl Dekat, Pastor
Immaculate Conception Church
Marj Guerich, Chairperson, 150th Anniversary,
416 W. Palmer St., St. Marys, Ks. 66536 – 1626
Phone: (785)-437-2473



Dear Scholarship Committee:

Hello! First of all I would like to thank you and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation for the wonderful letter I received in the mail regarding the scholarship. It is so wonderful and I can hardly believe it. My mother, grandmother, and grandfather are very happy for me.



I am attending classes at Washburn University here in Topeka, Kansas. My first day of school was August 24, so as of today (Aug. 31) I have completed one week of school and enjoy it very much.

Your generous monetary scholarship has allowed me to purchase health insurance through the college for a term of one year. This is something I have never had and feel very fortunate about. I am very hard working and enjoy learning and you can be sure that I will make very good use of your generous gift.

The enclosed photo of myself was taken after the graduation ceremony in front of the Topeka Performing Arts Center.

I will think of you often and I will make the most of my scholarship. I truly do appreciate it.

Megwetch,

Tim De Coursey, Jr.
Topeka, Kansas

Governor names Barrett to Indian Affairs board

(Oklahoma City, OK)– John "Rocky" Barrett of Shawnee, Chairman of the 25,000-member Citizen Potawatomi Nation, is one of three new members appointed to the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission. Gov. Frank Keating appointed Barrett, Kendall Scott of Harrah, and Grace Bunner of Okmulgee to new terms on the Commission.

Gov. Keating re-appointed Curtis Zunigha of Bartlesville, Chief of the Eastern Delaware Tribe of Oklahoma. Chairman Barrett replaces Elmer Manatowa of Sulphur, former Principal Chief of the Sac and Fox Nation. Scott replaces Alice Sheeder. And, Bunner, who is Micco of the Thlthloppcco Tribal Town, succeeds Grace Goodeagle of Quapaw.



Citizen Potawatomi Nation Chairman John "Rocky" Barrett

Barbara Warner, Indian Affairs Commission Executive Director, had this reaction to Chairman Barrett's appointment to the Commission, "We are pleased that Chairman Barrett has accepted Gov. Keating's appointment to the Commission. Mr. Barrett brings a wealth of tribal government and business knowledge to this position. His knowledge and contacts will be valuable to the Commission and to Native American nations and tribes across Oklahoma."

Ms. Warner added, "The Citizen Potawatomi Nation, with its ownership of a federally chartered bank, a radio station, and numerous other successful businesses, is a role model for economic development in Indian Country."

The Oklahoma legislature created the Indian Affairs Commission in May 1967. Its mission, established by the legislature, is to "work toward promoting unity, purpose, and understanding among the Indian people of Oklahoma."

The Commission is also charged with the responsibility to "serve as a liaison between the Indian people of the state and state agencies, and the executive and legislative branches of state government, who share a concern for developing mutual goals beneficial to Indian affairs."

A Board of Commissioners governs the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission. This board is comprised of nine tribal members. Four of them are from tribes represented by the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Muskogee Area Office; four are from tribes represented by the BIA's Anadarko Area Office; and, one is selected at-large.

The Indian Affairs Commission is actively involved in the processes of state government, working closely with elected officials of the executive, legislative, and judicial branches, as well as cabinet appointees. The Commission seeks to promote positive tribal-state relations through sponsorship of forums involving state officials and tribal leaders.

The Commission also serves as a point of contact with state government for tribes and their leaders and members.

Headquartered in Shawnee, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation is the tenth largest of the federally recognized Native American nations in terms of enrollment. It is the eighth largest employer in Shawnee, with a payroll of some 385.

The Potawatomi Nation owns these business enterprises or facilities: First National Bank and Trust Co.; FireLake Entertainment, with an off-track pari-mutuel wagering parlor, a bingo hall, and a 24-lane state-of-the-art bowling center; FireLake Golf, which is among the top-rated public golf courses in Oklahoma; the Potawatomi Tribal Stores in Shawnee and Tecumseh; the Potawatomi Museum and Gift Shop; Charlie's at FireLake Restaurant; CPN-Net, an Internet service provider; and, AM 1450 KGFF Radio.



Radio Station Staff Welcomed

The staff of AM 1450 KGFF Radio was recently welcomed to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation family with a reception at tribal headquarters. The Nation recently agreed to purchase the longtime Shawnee area station. Pictured from left are Nikki Schawo, air personality; Mike Askins, program director; Judi Craig, office manager; Gerri Huston, sales manager; Lance Norris, sports director; Brian Keubler, air personality; and David Plank, board operator. Not pictured is Michael Dodson, the Nation's director of public information who also serves as station manager.

NOTICE

NEW SERVICE FOR ALL NATIVE AMERICAN ELDERS WHO LIVE IN POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY

CALL 275-3121

OUR HOURS OF OPERATION ARE: Monday – Friday 8am to 5pm

OUR COST: \$1.25 ONE WAY OR \$2.50 ROUND TRIP

OUR SERVICES ARE DESIGNED TO HELP OUR ELDERS IN POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY WHO ARE 55 AND OVER WITH TRANSPORTATION NEEDS.

TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED FOR:

- CLINIC USE
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CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION, 1601 S. GORDON COOPER DR., SHAWNEE, OK 74801, (405) 275-3121

FALL FEAST & CEREMONIES

November 4-7, 1998

Wednesday the 4th: Ceremonies: Sunrise - Noon - Sunset
 Thursday the 5th: Ceremonies: Sunrise - Noon - Sunset
 Friday the 6th: Ceremonies: Sunrise - Noon - Sunset
 Saturday the 7th: Ceremonies: Sunrise - Noon - Sunset

Noon ending feast after the ceremony and talks

Prayer services are scheduled at the above times. Please contact Tracey Gibson at 275-3121, ext. 270; Norman Kiker at ext. 232; or Vicki Waugh at ext. 233.

This is a family experience and I encourage each of you to bring your young people. We will all learn together about our Potawatomi culture and language. We welcome and need your help and participation. Please call to volunteer your time. Traditions are many times more meaningful if practiced.